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SUBJ: EXCHANGES: LECTURER PROGRAM: US LECTURER BRIDGMAN INTERVIEW

1. AP'S MOSCOW BUREAU RAN LONG FEATURE LENGTH STORY TODAY ON PROFESSOR RICHARD BRIDGMAN, RECENTLY DEPARTED EXCHANGE LECTURER IN AMERICAN LITERATURE AT MGU. ARTICLE FOCUSED ON BRIDGMAN'S REACTIONS TO EXPERIENCE IN USSR BUT ALSO MENTIONED THAT SIX OTHER AMERICAN PROFESSORS HAD BEEN LECTURING IN SOVIET UNION UNDER EXCHANGE PROGRAM.

2. STORY CONTAINS MANY COMPLIMENTARY QUOTES FOR BRIDGMAN ABOUT RUSSIAN PEOPLE. STATING THAT HE HAD MADE SEVERAL FRIENDSHIPS HERE STORY QUOTES BRIDGMAN SAYING "I REALLY DIG RUSSIANS. THEY'RE A PEOPLE I CARE ABOUT A LOT." STORY GOES ON TO QUOTE BRIDGMAN'S CHARACTERIZATIONS OF RUSSIANS AS PEOPLE WHO ARE "WITTY AND PENETRATING

AND EMOTIONALLY COMPLEX IN A WAY I COULD NEVER IMAGINE BEFORE."

3. STORY NOTES THAT BRIDGMAN MADE MANY FRIENDS AMONG STUDENTS AND WAS INVITED TO ATTEND THEIR PARTIES COMPLETE WITH "GUITARS, COGNAC AND WINE". HE CHARACTERIZED SOVIET STUDENTS AS "FIRST RATE" AND SAID HE HAD NOT "MET A DUMBELL AMONG THEM."

4. COMMENT: BRIDGMAN AS DID ALMOST ALL OUR LECTURERS MADE MANY FRIENDS AMONG STUDENTS AND PROFESSIONAL COLLEAGUES. FROM POINT OF VIEW OF PERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS ALONE, PROGRAM UNCLASSIFIED

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